

Objects of Otherness

A Practice in Understanding the Dimensions of Black Materiality

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“When teaching archaeology to students, archaeologists sometimes use the metaphor of a crime scene to demonstrate how context is important to understanding what we recover and how it may relate to other aspects at the site. There is an eerie similarity between the work we as archaeologists do when it comes to solving “mysteries of the past” and the work that detectives do in trying to make sense of “crime scenes”. What types of stories do objects tell us about who we are, the choices we make, and the messages our material signature presents to the world? The narratives produced by archaeologists about the past can have far reaching effects, but what about the role of our narratives in contemporary struggles around gender, sexuality, class and antiblackness? This talk is also about connecting how archaeological practice (and the study of Black Materiality) can and should be used as a tool for social change.”

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